



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Thirteen-year-old boy dies after being struck by vehicle while walking along shoulder of Interstate 10 near Eloy

Arizona Department of Public Safety investigated a vehicle-pedestrian collision which involved one fatality that occurred about 5:33 PM, on Monday, March 9, 2009, on Interstate 10 near Milepost 209, which is close to Eloy. The driver of a box type truck became disabled and stopped on the emergency shoulder of Interstate 10. The truck contained three total occupants.

All three of the truck occupants exited the vehicle and began walking along the shoulder westbound to obtain assistance at the next exit. A Ford Explorer was traveling westbound in the same area when the driver lost control of the vehicle for an unknown reason and drove into the two pedestrians. The two pedestrians sustained injuries as a result of the vehicle impact and were transported to a Valley area hospital for treatment. One of the pedestrians was later declared deceased at the hospital. The driver of the Ford Explorer was injured and also transported to a Valley area hospital for treatment.

The DPS investigation is continuing to try and determine why the driver of the Ford Explorer lost control of the vehicle and drove into the two pedestrians. DPS investigators have determined that impairment was not a factor in this collision. Enforcement action has not been determined at this stage of the investigation.

Vehicle / Disabled: Box Truck

Driver-Pedestrian/ Not Injured: Kevin Estein, age 45, resident of Glendale

Passenger-Pedestrian / Injured: Jack R. Ryan, age 53, resident of Phoenix, transported to a Valley area hospital.

Passenger-Pedestrian/ Deceased: Spencer M. Estein, age 13, resident of Glendale, transported to and declared deceased at a Valley area hospital as a result the injuries sustained in the collision

Vehicle: 2004 Ford Explorer

Driver / Injured: Edward R. Olivera, age 19, resident of El Paso, safety restraint in use, transported to Valley area hospital.

DPS would like all motorists to drive safely and be alert to vehicles that may be disabled or other hazards or near the roadway. In addition, occupants of a disabled vehicle need to be aware of the unsafe conditions that exist on a public highway and to be attentive to the fast moving vehicles and stay as far as possible away from the travel lanes. It recommended al motorists should carry some type of communication device in order to call 9-1-1 for assistance and to carry plenty of food, water and any other items appropriate to stay comfortable for the environment until help arrives.
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